Title: Need to set up engineering and medical colleges in Nagaland.

SHRI K.A. SANGTAM (NAGALAND): The literacy rate of Nagaland has just jumped from 23 per cent to 87 per cent within a period of 40 years since the formation of the State in 1961. Right from the beginning till date those students who are desirous to go for higher technical studies have to depend on the quota provided by the Central Government to various universities in the country and the number of students has increased almost tenfold against the quota provided by the Government in these disciplines. In many instances where students who secure very high marks are often deprived of getting the quota due to paucity of reserved seats available to the State Government. Nagaland is an insurgent prone State where many of the youth are frustrated and find quite easy to join the insurgent groups if they do not have the facilities for education and employment opportunities.

I request the Government of India to see that an Engineering College and a Medical College are established in Nagaland without further delay so that we can put these youth who are capable of pursuing higher technical education within the State and get meaningful employment for them. This will go a long way in bringing the people to the mainstream.